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SUBJECT: SOVIET OFFICIAL ADMITS COOLER
SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONSHIP

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE HAS TOLD US OF RECENT
CONVERSATION WITH DEP. CHIEF, MFA FIRST FAR EASTERN
DEPT., COUNSELOR Y. D. FADEYEV, WHICH TOUCHED ON
SOVIET-KOREAN RELATIONS. FADEYEV ADMITTED TO
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JAPANESE THAT SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONS WERE A BIT
COOL AT MOMENT, A FACT WHICH HE ATTRIBUTED TO TWO
CAUSES:

-- TRADITIONAL DPRK-PRC FRIENDLY RELATIONSHIP WHICH
HAS REMAINED THE SAME DESPITE WORSENING SOVIET-PRC
RELATIONS; AND

-- RECENT DPRK POLICY OF DISTANCING ITSELF SOMEWHAT FROM SOVIET UNION IN ATTEMPT TO INGRATIATE DPRK IN NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (PARTICULARLY IN NAM COORDINATING COMMITTEE).

2. JAPANESE ASKED FADEYEV ABOUT SIGNIFICANCE OF TRAVEL TO SOVIET UNION OF ROK MIN. OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS SIN, BUT FADEYEV SIMPLY SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD GENERAL POLICY OF GRANTING SUCH VISAS FOR ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN SOVIET UNION.

3. COMMENT: JAPANESE HERE ARE A BIT SKEPTICAL ABOUT ACTUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DPRK POLICY IN NON-ALIGNED CIRCLES AS REASON FOR COOLING OF SOVIET-DPRK RELATIONSHIP, BUT WERE NONETHELESS INTRIGUED THAT FADEYEV BROUGHT UP THIS IDEA. GARRISON

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